

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 2, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following new paragraphs:

Fig. 6 is a schematic side elevation view, in cross-section, with portions broken away, showing a prior art configuration for addressing surface cartilage injuries in a joint.

Fig. 7 is a schematic side elevation view in cross-section, with portions broken away, showing utilization of a single, multi-layer patch in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention.

Page 3, between lines 28 and 29, insert the following:

Fig. 6 shows a prior-art configuration utilizing a separate hemostatic barrier 26, a separate chondrocyte-charged matrix 28 placed distal to hemostatic barrier 26 and a separate patch 30 covering matrix 28. Hemostatic barrier 26 is placed adjacent bone 32, and patch 30 can be affixed to surrounding cartilage 34 by any suitable means, such as sutures 36.

In contrast, in accordance with one embodiment of the invention, a single, multi-layer patch 20 may be affixed to surrounding cartilage 34, as shown in Fig. 7, utilizing any suitable means such as sutures 36. As shown in Fig. 7, no separate hemostatic barrier, apart from patch 20, is applied against bone 32 in the damaged area, when utilizing this embodiment of the present invention.